

During the four years which have elapsed since the previous edition of this well-known work, pharmacology has made many advances, owing to the increased interest taken in this branch of scientific research all over the world. An enormous amount of new literature has appeared, and we are gradually becoming surer of the actions of an increasing number of drug stuffs. All this is in contradistinction to the earlier investigations of pharmacology, which left one in a hopelessly uncertain frame of mind, and tended to the abolition of drugs as essential factors in treatment.

This reaction tending towards confidence in the prescribing of a definite drug for a definite purpose is to be noticed in the present fifth edition, a great deal of which has been rewritten. The actions of digitalis, ergot and adrenalin, as learned from the new methods of investigating the human circulation, are fully given. The rôle of the organic compounds of arsenic in the treatment of trypanosomiasis, and a brief discussion of the antitoxins have also been included. Altogether, the book will be found to embody all that has been proved and accepted to date in the study of the action of drugs.

*Heart Disease, Blood-Pressure and the Nauheim-Schott Treatment.* By LOUIS FAUGERES BISHOP, A.M., M.D., Clinical Professor of Heart and Circulatory Diseases, Fordham University School of Medicine, New York; Physician to the Lincoln Hospital; late Chairman of the Section on Medicine of the New York Academy of Medicine; Member of the New York Pathological Society; Alumni Association, St. Luke's Hospital, etc. Third edition. New York: E. B. Treat & Company. 1909.

In the third edition of this book the author adds some further notes on the Schott treatment, writing from his personal observations at Nauheim. There are two parts to the book, in the first of which is taken up the question of heart disease and blood-pressure, and in the second, the Nauheim-Schott treatment. This latter is to be commended for the very thorough manner in which the treatment by baths and resisted movements is described. The various movements are shown in a series of excellent photographs, and one should have no difficulty in carrying out the treatment after reading this section. The closing chapter gives some clinical reports of cases as treated by the system, and cannot fail to leave one impressed with the undoubted value and efficiency of the Nauheim therapeutic procedures.